GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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STOCK OF RICE IN F.C.I. GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sufficient stocks of sub-standard quality Basmati Rice-PR 106 is lying in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the rate at which the Government allocates the said PR-106 rice to the agencies producing fodder for animals/birds in different States alongwith the procedure followed in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the Government is likely to allocate the said rice to the agencies applying directly to the Ministry or FCI?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Rice is procured by the FCI for the Central Pool as `Grade A` or `Common` category and not under varietal specifications. As on 1.6.2005, the FCI was having 7633 tonnes of damaged rice which constituted only about 0.8% of the total stock of 115.85 lakh tonnes of rice in the Central Pool.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Damaged foodgrains are offered to State Governments and their authorized agencies involved in direct consumption and/or manufacture of animal feed, giving them 30 days time to make their offer to purchase these damaged foodgrains at the applicable rate, which is the highest rate among Rate Running Contract, weighted average rate of 3 tenders or the highest rate obtained in the last tender, whichever is the highest.

(d): The disposal of damaged foodgrains is an ongoing process and is done in accordance with the established procedure.